

VICTIM/WITNESS SECTION

SPECIAL VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Description

This program provides grant assistance for non-profit organizations to provide direct services and outreach to special crime victims in underserved populations focusing on a particular violent crime/s. "Special" crime victims are defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crimes and who are presently underserved in the community. Special crime victims need not necessarily be a minority population, but may include family members of homicide victims, drunk driving victims and their families, or the elderly and/or dependant adults.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a non-profit or Native American/tribal organization, currently operating a Special Victims program in California.

Authorized By

Federal Victims of Crime Act and the California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$ 654,500 for seven (7) projects

Grant Award Period

October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non competitive - August 2008

Additional Program Information

The projects funded under this program are required to establish and maintain the following mandatory service components: crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resource and referral, counseling, claims assistance, property return, orientation to the criminal justice system, presentations and training, case status/disposition, notifications of family/friends, employer notification/intervention, and restitution. In addition, programs goals are to provide direct assistance to innocent victims of violent crime, restore the victim's faith in the criminal justice system, improve the victim's willingness to cooperate with the criminal justice process, assist victims of crime as soon as possible after the crime, and to reduce the severity of the psychological consequences of the victimization.

How Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Victim/Witness Section in the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Victim/Witness Branch of OES at (916) 327-5668.